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1. AMBASSADOR HAD AN OPPORTUNITY ON JUNE4 TO BRIEF UDA
MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, ABDALLAH MAZRUI, ON
US VIEWS REGARDING FORTHCOMING ILO CONFERENCE. MAZRUI
WILL HEAD THE UAE DELEGATION AT GENEVA.

2. AFTER AMBASSADOR COVERED EACH POINT CONTAINED IN PARA
5 OF REFTEL, MAZRUI SAID THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE REAFFIRM-
ATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE APPLICATION OF
CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRINCIPLES OF UNIFORM
AND OBJECTIVE EVALUATION AND STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES IN
PARA 10 OF THE 1978 COE REPORT. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE
WORTHWHILE FOR THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 10 TO BE INCORPORATED
AND ADOPTED IN THE 1978 PLENARY. ON THE MATTER OF THE ILO
INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OF ILO
CONVENTION 111, HE MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMENT OTHER THAN TO
AGREE WITH POINT WE HAD MADE EARLIER THAT MANY COUNTRIES,

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INCLUDING THE UAE WITH ITS LARGE ALIEN LABOR POPULATION,
COULD FIND THEMSELVES IN THE SAME POSITION SOME DAY OF
ANSWERING ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION BUT WITHOUT
RECOURSE TO ILO PROCESS PROCEDURES.

3. MAZURI FELT THAT MOST ENCOURAGING PEICE OF NEWS WAS
THAT US CABINET COMMITTEE WOULD REVIEW DEVELOPEMENTS SINCE

US WITHDRAWAL AFTER SEEING RESULTS OF FORTHCOMING ILO CONFERENCE. HE HOPED CABINET COMMITTEE WOULD ACT FAVORABLY BECAUSE IN HIS VIEW, ILO IS MEANINGLESS ORGANIZATION WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF US.

4. COMMENT: MAZRUI IS LOW KEY BUT COMPETENT UAE OFFICIAL WHO IS THOUGHTFUL OBSERVER OF INTERNATIONAL SCENE. PRIOR TO HIS PRESENT POSITION, HE WAS UNDERSECRETARY OF UAE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH WITH RELATIVE EASE AND IS FRIENDLY AND APPROACHABLE. UAE IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE LEADING ROLE WITHIN ARAB OR G-77 CAUCUS BUT MAY GIVE CAUTIOUS SUPPORT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER ARAB MODERATES. DICKMAN

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